



Memorandum

To: Provost and Chief Academic Officers

CC: TAG Coordinators

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: May 20, 2020

Subject: Announcement of New English TAG Courses in Introduction to Literature and Multicultural Literature and Revisions to Current TAG Courses

We are pleased to announce New Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) courses in English titled OAH062- Introduction to Literature and OAH063- Multicultural Literature and learning outcomes revisions in OAH053- American Literature I, OAH054- American Literature II, OAH055- British Literature I, and OAH056- British Literature II.

Background:

In early 2019 the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) held a discussion with the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTP) panel in the discipline of English to explore transfer pathways. During discussions, the OGTP English panel recommended the creation of additional English TAGs. The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) arranged for English TAG panel content matter experts, as well as a representative from the OGTP English panel to meet and discuss updates within the English TAG. Initial meetings lead to the dissemination of a statewide research survey to identify department teachings, pre-requisites, and collection of syllabi. These efforts prompted the English TAG panel to further review the need for additional TAGs.

After some discussion, the TAG faculty panel recommended creation of additional English TAGs in Introduction to Literature and Multicultural Literature. In addition, the TAG faculty panel recommended minor revisions to current TAG courses in American Literature I & II and British Literature I & II

In March 2020, a survey request was distributed statewide to gain endorsement for the proposed new TAG courses, as well as revisions to the current TAG courses. The English TAG panel reviewed endorsement survey feedback and in order to address concerns expressed by some institutions, the following updates were taking into consideration:

- Updated pre-requisite language on new TAG courses, as well as revision TAG courses. This language allows for institutional autonomy in college-level expectations.

- Emphasized language within the general course description clarifying OAH063- Multicultural Literature.

The results of the survey indicated that there is strong support for the creation of courses in the areas of Introduction in Literature and Multicultural Literature, as well as current English TAG course revisions. This announcement will assist your institution with course development or refining your course(s) to better align with transfer guarantees.

The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board recommends that institutions seek course approval by the statewide faculty review panel within two years. The first submission opportunity will begin immediately and continue through fall 2022. Institutions are advised to submit their courses to the endorsed criteria as soon as the aligned courses become available. With no significant changes to American Literature I & II and British Literature I & II, resubmission will not be required for approved courses. To view and download the full information for the newly created English TAG courses, including the TAG submission form, please use this link:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/tag/coursedescriptions>

We would like to thank the faculty members on the English TAG panel including: Steve Mohr (Co-Lead, Terra State Community College), Kim Winebrenner (Co-Lead, Kent State University), Erin McGuria (Central Ohio Technical College), Phil Dickinson (Bowling Green State University), Brittany Coomes (Marion Technical Community College), William Breeze (Cleveland State University), Sally Lahmon (Sinclair Community College), and Alyce Thompson (Cincinnati State Technical and Community College)

Thank you for sharing this memo and attachments with appropriate faculty and administrators at your institution.

If you or your TAG coordinator have any questions, please contact Jessi Spencer, Director of Articulation and Transfer Policy, Budget, and Constituent Relations at jspencer@highered.ohio.gov, (614) 728-4706; or Michelle Blaney, Assistant Director, Articulation and Transfer Policy at mblaney@highered.ohio.gov, (614) 644-9601.

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